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Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 12, 2008. A response was due on June 12, 2008. Applicant requests a three-month extension of time until September 12, 2008; thus this response is being timely filed. A Request for Continued Examination is being filed herewith. Please enter the following amendment and remarks:

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